

BLM Study Review of Hells Canyon Complex Studies

Cultural Resources Survey of the Brownlee-Oxbow Transmission Line, Adams and Washington Counties, Idaho and Baker County, Oregon

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1.INTRODUCTION

Idaho Power Company contracted Northwest Archaeological Associates, Inc. to conduct a cultural resource survey along the right-of-way for these two existing transmission lines to identify any cultural resources, to make an initial evaluation of those resources for the National Register of Historic Places, and to assess possible impacts to those cultural resources when the line is reconstructed.

2.CONCLUSION

Northwest Archaeological Associates completed a Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the lines. They discussed known nearby sites and newly discovered resources. They made preliminary evaluations about site significance and discussed possible impacts including transmission line-related impacts.

3.STUDY ADEQUACY

Initial review indicates that the study did not meet BLM and State Historic Preservation Office standards because the site forms were not included. Smithsonian numbers have not been assigned to newly discovered resources yet.

The maps are not legible.

The report meets goals set in Study Plan 8.4.1.

4.BLM CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS:

The survey was adequate, but minor typographical errors could be corrected. The site forms need to be shared with BLM and the Idaho SHPO. Additional coordination between BLM, SHPO and Idaho Power Company will be required to evaluate sites, assess impacts and consider possible mitigation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The site records for OXB95001 through 004 need to be shared with the BLM and SHPO. The BLM, SHPO and IPC need to discuss the significance, impacts and possible mitigation. The history of the constructed line should be noted in any revisions of this report. The maps need to be legible and at a 1: 24,000 scale. The area surveyed must be shown on a 7.5 minute map.

